GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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STATUS OF TELUGU LANGUAGE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to accord Telugu language the same status as Tamil and Sanskrit;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the decision is likely to be taken in this matter?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh and several other organizations have made representations to declare Telugu as a classical language. The requests were forwarded to Sahitya Akademi for consideration of the Committee of Linguistic Experts constituted for the purpose. The recommendations of the Committee are awaited.